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SUBJ: BREZHNEV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY

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1. YUGOSLAV DAILIES DEC 2 CARRY TANJUG REPORT FROM MOSCOW (WITHOUT COMMENT) ON RELEASE BY CPSU POLITBURO COMMUNIQUE REGARDING BREZHNEV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. POLITBURO COMMUNIQUE REFERS TO "INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY" AS ONE OF THE "TESTED PRINCIPLES" FORMING THE BASIS FOR SOVIET-YUGOSLAV COOPERATION. PRECISE PASSAGE IS THAT "SOVIET-YUGOSLAV COMMUNIQUE...DETERMINED THE CONCRETE LINES OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND STATES ON THE BASIS OF THE TESTED PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, INDEPENDENCE, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY IN THE STRUGGLE IN THE IDEALS OF MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN."

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2. TITO-BREZHNEV COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS SIMILAR BUT NOT IDENTICAL FORMULATIONS IN TWO SECTIONS. FIRST IT REFERS TO THE "STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF... THE FREE CHOICE OF DIFFERENT ROADS TO SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT, INTERNATIONALIST, COMRADELY AND VOLUNTARY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND PARTIES IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TEACHINGS AND LOFTY IDEALS OF MARX, ENGELS AND LENIN." LATER IT STATES: "THE LCY AND CPSU URGE THE FURTHER EXPANSION AND DEEPENING OF INTERNATIONALIST, COMRADELY AND VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY AMONG THE COMMUNIST AND WORKER PARTIES ON THE BASIS OF THE LOFTY IDEALS OF MARX, ENGELS, AND LENIN THROUGH THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF EACH PARTY'S EQUALITY AND SOVEREIGN INDEPENDENCE, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND RESPECT FOR THE FREE CHOICE OF DIFFERENT ROADS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND SOCIALISM. THE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM IN ONE'S OWN COUNTRY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY IN ONE'S OWN WORKING CLASS AND PEOPLE ARE LINKED WITH THE MUTUAL SOLIDARITY OF WORKING PEOPLES, ALL PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS AND PEOPLES...." BOTH FORMULATIONS, BASED ON ECPC LANGUAGE, CONTAIN A MIXTURE OF DESIRES OF BOTH SIDES.

3. POLITBURO COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE HERE. IT APPEARS TO US THAT POLITBURO WISHES TO RETAIN CONCEPT OF "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALIS." THROUGH ONE OF ITS SURROGATE GUISES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN FOR PREFERRED AUDIENCES SOVIET CONCEPT OF YUGOSLAVIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

4. SEEING THE VARIOUS SYNONYMS THE SOVIETS USE FOR PRO-LETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM I AM REMINDED OF THE QUOTATION: WORDS ARE BUT THE SKIN OF A LIVING THOUGHT (DEPARTMENT SHOULD CHECK WITH LEGAL ADVISOR FOR ORIGIN OF QUOTE). SILBERMAN

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